

Oneida County Technology Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2013 10:00 a.m.
Oneida County Courthouse, Committee Room #2
1 S. Oneida Avenue
Rhineland, WI 54501

Committee Members present: Dave Hintz/County Board Supervisor and Committee Chairman, Billy Fried/County Board Supervisor, Don Sidlowski/Three Lakes Town Chair, Bob Martini, County Board Supervisor, Dan Hess/Lieutenant – Oneida County Sheriff's Department

Committee Advisors present: Bart Lamers/One Prospect, Tim Brown/UW-Extension Community, Natural Resource & Economic Development Agent, Roger Luce/Oneida County Economic Development Corporation

Others present: Jesse Kern/One Prospect, Gary Baier/County Board Supervisor, Karl Jennrich/Planning & Zoning Director

Call the meeting to order:

Hintz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

Approve meeting agenda with order of items at discretion of Chairman:

Motion by Sidlowski to approve today's agenda. 2nd by Martini. All members present voting 'Aye'.
Motion carried.

Approve minutes of January 21, 2013 meeting:

Motion by Martini to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2013 meeting. 2nd by Sidlowski. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried.

Brief introduction of Jesse Kern of One Prospect to committee members and advisors.

Update on Town Survey:

Hintz reports on the trifecta approach the Technology Committee is taking in striving towards their goal to expand broadband and cellular service in Oneida County. The first step was to survey town chairs on their interest and level of progress towards implementing broadband and cell service in their township. The second step was to educate the County Board on technology and spike interest in improving technology in Oneida County. The third step involves the committee coming up with strategies and suggestions on how to move forward on Technology Committee goals. Fried states he has contacted ten townships so far. Most of the townships currently do not have much of a broadband/cellular infrastructure or plan in place. Overall, Fried found the biggest issue is towns generally are interested but not sure what their options are and where to start. Many of the town chairman state if their town was approached on the issue at a meeting, they would then consider looking into the subject further. Hintz discussed the goals of the Technology Committee with County Board Chairman Ted Cushing. Cushing feels the first thing that needs to be done is set a county wide ordinance regulating tower heights that all the towns can agree on. Brown feels towns should be surveyed on their level of technology knowledge (low or high) and level of development (low or high) which would determine four different combinations/groups. Based on the four groups, the committee could develop four different types of training and information to provide to the local townships. Fried has also talked with County Board Supervisor Gary Baier who is a member of the Highway Committee. Fried and Baier discussed ways to work with the Highway Department to extend the technology infrastructure. Martini agrees with Cushing on first coming up with a common agreement with townships on a county wide tower

Update on Town Survey (continued):

ordinance. Fried agrees but feels reaching even a general agreement with the townships will be very difficult given vastly different opinions on the issue.

Sidlowski discussed a conference call Joe Hegge/Grow North Regional Economic Development Corporation and he had with Dr. Tithi Chattopadhyay/State Broadband Coordinator with the Public Service Commission. Oneida County will be part of an 8 county demand survey being conducted by the Public Service Commission. The survey will assess business and residential current technology capabilities and interest level.

In regards to the local survey being done, a discussion was held on collecting paper surveys and talking with Nicolet College and Grown North Regional Economic Development Corporation in assisting on compiling survey results.

County Board training agenda and timing:

Hintz feels a special County Board meeting should be scheduled rather than trying to talk with the County Board during a regularly scheduled meeting. Hintz spoke with Ted Cushing/County Board Chairman and Cushing is open to this idea. Hintz, Martini and Hegge will be getting together to create an agenda for this special County Board meeting. A discussion was held on length of the meeting and the different levels of technology knowledge amongst the County Board members. Martini feels the meeting should start with motivational knowledge on the topic to spike interest.

Hintz went over hand out "County Board Technology Training Meeting Discussion Items" and a discussion was held on items to expand or edit on handout. Martini would like to express the committee's request to the County Board for a commitment on the issue of Technology by the end of the County Board meeting.

County Technology action items:

Sidlowski and Brown review handout "potential policies for Oneida county board of supervisors to enact in support of broadband development". Main policies listed as follows:

1. Verbal endorsement of programs that are taking place outside of County government.
2. Passage of policies to create a regulatory climate that will allow Broadband service to grow quickly and efficiently.
3. Direct investment of County funds toward projects that will increase Awareness of, Access to, and Adoption of Broadband technologies.

Discussion held by committee on details of each potential policy. Hintz commends handout and suggests making specific recommendations prior to county board meeting on each policy. Discussion also held on feasibility of towers versus buried cable.

Gary Baier joined meeting.

Baier states he's gotten many phone calls about lack of service in his area. Baier also talked about the Tomahawk Fall Ride and how one participant set up a temporary broadband tower to get internet service half a mile down the road at the park where vendors were set up and both vendors and visitors were requiring internet. Baier feels there is so much technology available that the county should be looking at for the residents. Baier provided handout "AT&T testing wireless technology in Waukesha".

County Technology action items (continued):

Jennrich/Planning and Zoning Director briefly attended meeting and provided a copy of the 9.54 ordinance (Communication Structures) to meeting attendees. Jennrich highly recommends a task force to set regulations on tower heights. However, Jennrich notes the county can set an ordinance on tower height but a township can choose to make their own ordinance more restrictive which is then counter productive in expanding technology county wide.

Discussion held on importance of public participation in creating and implementing policy and ordinances on Technology development for the county.

Updating of County Board:

The committee agrees to scheduling the special County Board meeting in late April 2013. Committee will try to use Technology committee members and advisors rather than outside speakers in order to have familiar people presenting and keep the meeting cost down.

Technology and seminars scheduled by other groups:

- The Treehaven seminar is being held on March 21, 2013 9:00am; key note speaker will be Craig Settles. Sidlowski states the seminar should be highly informative and strongly suggests anyone available should attend if possible. Hintz will announce seminar at County Board meeting.
- Sidlowski will also be attending and presenting at a seminar in Madison hosted by the Public Service Commission on April 4th and 5th.
- Hintz states he will be discussing the I.T.S Citrix Project at the February 19th County Board Meeting.
- Martini reports there will be a WCA Webinar on March 6th

Fried asked Hess about the current county system. Hess states they use a microwave system with an E1 line and based on a radio system. Portable coverage is approximately 95% and currently has eight towers on the system.

Public comments:

None

Next meeting date:

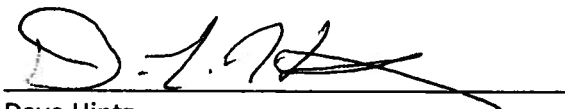
To be announced

Future agenda topics:

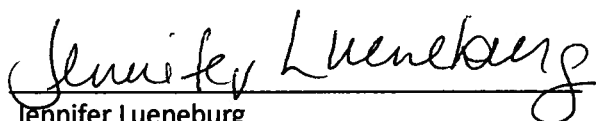
- Demand survey for Public Service Commission
- Policies and agenda for future County Board meeting
- Update on status of town survey

Adjournment:

Motion by Sidlowski to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Fried. All members present voting 'Aye'. Motion carried. Adjourn at 11:34 a.m.



Dave Hintz
Committee Chair



Jennifer Lueneburg
Committee Secretary